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1. AS THE WEEKEND OF JULY 30 AND 31 APPROACHES ANTI-NUCLEAR SENTIMENT MOUNTED IN INTENSITY BUT NOT IN COHERENCE. THE LONG PUBLIC PLANNING (MAINLY BY ECOLOGISTS) OF A DEMONSTRATION AT CREYS-MALVILLE, SITE OF THE SUPERPHOENIX BREEDER REACTOR HAS BEEN COUNTERED BY AN ORDER FROM THE PREFECT CONCERNED, RENE JANNIN, PROHIBITING NON-RESIDENTS OF THE AREA FROM COMING WITHIN 25 KILOMETERS OF THIS SITE. AS OF JULY 29 THE PROGNOSIS FOR TROUBLE WAS ALREADY THERE WITH THE SELECTIVE NON-VIOLENCE PREACHED BY SOME OF THE ANTI-NUCLEAR GROUPS WHO SAID THEY WERE NON-VIOLENT TOWARDS PERSONS, NOT THINGS. THIS CONTRASTED WITH PREFECT JANNIN'S STATEMENT THAT DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE ALLOWED AS A MATTER OF RIGHT BUT DESTRUCTION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONAL PROPERTY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. PERHAPS WISHING TO AVOID INVOLVEMENT IN THE VIOLENCE THEY FEARED WOULD TAKE PLACE, BOTH THE SOCIALIST PARTY AND THE CFDT ANNOUNCED DEMONSTRATIONS OF THEIR OWN IN OTHER NEARBY TOWNS.

2. THE ANTI-NUCLEAR SENTIMENT IS BY NO MEANS UNANIMOUS.

THE CGT HAS STATED THAT IT FAVORS BREEDER REACTORS AS WELL AS THE EXPANSION OF THE FRENCH NUCLEAR PROGRAM. THE CFDT HAS ANNOUNCED FOR A 3-YEAR MORATORIUM PERIOD. THE ECOLOGISTS, EXEMPLIFIED BY A RECENT BRICE LALONDE ARTICLE, WOULD LIKE TO STOP ALL NUCLEAR ACTIVITY AND MAKE UP FOR THE RESULTING LOST ENERGY BY ENERGY CONSERVATION. AND SOCIALIST LEADER MITTERRAND HAS CALLED FOR A NOT VERY CLEARLY DEFINED REFERENDUM ON BOTH CIVILIAN NUCLEAR ENERGY AND THE "FORCE DE FRAPPE."

3. AND IN A CLEAR ATTEMPT TO STEAL SOME OF THE HEAD-LINES FROM THE ANTI-NUCLEAR PEOPLE, GISCARD CONSPIC-UOUSLY VISITED BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY ATOMIC INSTALLATIONS AT PIERRELATTE ON FRIDAY, THE 29TH. THE PRECEDING TUESDAY INDUSTRY MINISTER MONORY STATED THAT FRANCE WILL INDEED GO AHEAD WITH CONSTRUCTION OF 5,000 MEGAWATTS OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS PER YEAR THROUGH 1979.

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